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TAGS: CVIS UR PFOR PINT (BARABANOV, EVGENI)

SUBJECT: ACCESS TO EMBASSY: EVGENI BARABANOV REQUESTS

INVITATION TO EMBASSY

REF: MOSCOW 11582

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED SEPTEMBER 24 FOLLOWING TELEX MARKED URGENT FROM VERY REVEREND JAMES PARKS MORTON, DEAN OF CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE: BEGIN QUOTE:
MY TELEGRAM TO BARABANOV OF SEPTEMBER 15 NOT DELIVERED PLEASE

HAVE EMBASSY PERSONALLY DELIVER FOLLOWING MESSAGE: "EVGENY BARABANOV YAROSLAVL CHAUSSEE DOM 3 CORPUS 2, APT 283 MOSCOW. I AM HAPPY TO INVITE YOU OFFICIALLY TO GIVE A SERIES OF LECTURES ON THE HISTORY OF RUSSIAN ART AND RUSSIAN AESTHETICS AT THE INSTITUTE OF GEOMETRY OF THE CATHEDRAL CHURCH OF ST. JOHN THE DIVINE IN NEW YORK CITY IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR 1973-1974. A FORMAL LETTER FOLLOWS. IF YOU ACCEPT, I WILL COMMUNICATE WITH YOU ON PARTICULARS. END QUOTE

2. EMBASSY'S ORIGINAL INTENTION WAS TO HAVE CHAUFFEUR DELIVER MESSAGE TO BARABANOV, OBTAIN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF RECEIPT, AND ADVISE VERY REVEREND MORTON ACCORDINGLY.

3. AT MIDDAY SEPTEMBER 24, HOWEVER, WASHINGTON POST CORRESPONDENT KAISER CONVEYED MESSAGE TO AMCONSOFF FROM BARABANOV THAT HE HAS RECEIVED INVITATION TO LECTURE IN NEW YORK (IN
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ALL CERTAINTY FROM MORTON) AND REQUESTS LETTER FROM CONSUL

INVITING HIM TO VISIT EMBASSY.

4. AS IN CASE OF SAKHAROV'S STEPCHILDREN (REFTEL), EMBASSY IS INCLINED TO SEND BARABANOV STANDARD INVITATION LETTER INVITING HIM TO VISIT CONSULAR SECTION TO DISCUSS HIS VISA CASE. (FYI, TO EMBASSY'S KNOWLEDGE BARABANOV, LIKE SAKHAROV'S STEPCHILDREN, DOES NOT HAVE SOVIET EXIT PERMISSION.)

5. EMBASSY REQUESTS DEPT'S COMMENTS IN LIGHT OF CONSIDERATIONS CITED IN REFTEL. IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED IF DEPT WOULD ALSO ADVISE MORTON THAT EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS BARABANOV HAS RECEIVED HIS INVITATION.
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